

College of San Mateo

Curriculum Committee

March 26, 2026 (2:15 p.m.)

Building 10, Room 10-468

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MINUTES

Members Present

Chair	Malathi Iyengar
Academic Support and Learning Technologies	David Laderman, Lia Thomas
Business/Technology	Hellen Pacheco, Lale Yurtseven
Counseling/Student Services	Leonardo Cruz, Trang Luong
Counseling/Articulation Officer	Marsha Ramezane
Creative Arts & Social Science	Judith Hunt, Michelle Mullane
Instructional Design	Julieth Benitez
Kinesiology Division	Shana Young
Language Arts Division	Tamara Perkins, Keira Travis
Math/Science Division	Beth LaRochelle, Chris Smith

Non-Voting Members

Deborah Laulusa, Niki Castello

Absent/Excused

ASCSM Student Representative	Finola Miqailla Danni Redding Lapuz
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Other Attendees

Madeline Wiest (Zoom), James Clifford, Melinda Nguyen, Minu Mathur, Teresa Morris, Doris Garcia, Seon Hye Moon

Chair, Malathi Iyengar, called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m. Motion by Judith to approve the agenda, seconded by Shana, all members voting "Aye."

Public Comments (2 minutes/person)

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Lale to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Hellen, all members voting "Aye."

- **Approval of minutes from the March 12, 2026 meeting**

- **Course Modifications**

- NURS 235 Nursing Skills Lab III (0.5)
(2-year update; change in SLOs, objectives, content, texts)
- NURS 610 Basic Medication Dosage Calculations for Nurses (1.0)
(2-year update; change in SLOs, objectives)
- NURS 615 Pharmacology for Nurses: Practical Applications (3.0)
(DE update; 2-year update; change in description, SLOs, objectives, instruction, assignments, evaluation, texts)
- NURS 630 Introduction to Medical Terminology (3.0)
(DE update; 2-year update; change in description, SLOs, objectives, assignments, evaluation, texts)
- NURS 666 Career Exploration in Nursing (1.0)
(2-year update; change in SLOs, objectives, content, instruction, evaluation, texts)
- NURS 819 Open Lab for Nursing 241/242 (0.5)
(2-year update; change in SLOs, objectives, instruction, texts)

- **Course Deactivations**

- NURS 620 Bridge Course for Advanced Entry Students

SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA

Courses listed on the substantive agenda have been reviewed for listed changes. Though courses on the substantive agenda may have changes in prerequisites and/or recommended preparations, the full committee is expected to review prerequisites and recommended preparations statements for all proposals to ensure compliance with Title V regulations.

- **New Course**

- COUN 130 Puente: Latine Identity, Culture & Education (3.0) – **approved**. *Motion by Lia to approve COUN 130 with additional catalog revisions provided by David, seconded by Lale, 12 members voting “Aye”, 3 members voting “Nay”, no abstentions.*
(Proposed for transfer credit)
Malathi recapped that the committee had asked for modifications to the course due to substantial overlap with other discipline courses. There was a consultation with Jim Clifford (PSYCH), Edgar Mojica Villegas (ETHN) and Leo (COUN), who stepped in on behalf of the course author to review the course and provide feedback.

David sent suggested revisions to the catalog description directly to the authors without posting to Curricunet. Leo confirmed he received and approved the suggested edits, which primarily involved condensing and streamlining the writing. The committee agreed to proceed with the revised description based on Leo's approval.

Jim said he met with a committee of people about transforming this into a stand-

alone counseling course with the breadth of an Area 4 course as an introduction to a topic with less overlap into sociology, psychology and ethnic studies, but the email of suggestions he sent was not incorporated into the course in Curricunet.

Mina asked why a course that overlaps sociology, history, psychology, ethnic studies, inequality, gender issues is being proposed for Area 4. She said she currently has classes that cover all of these topics and they are not overcrowded for enrollment. Jim added that the course has tentacles in a lot of topics but none of the topics is fully complete.

Leo acknowledged that Jim's suggestions were received by the course authors, Jenny and Manny, and they took the action they thought was appropriate. Leo also reminded the committee that they are not determining whether the course is appropriate for Area 4 because that is decided by another body; the committee is voting to approve or disapprove the course locally.

Teresa brought up the difficulty of overlap between courses and disciplines and brought up an example where such overlap already exists between ethnic studies and African American Film.

Leo also acknowledged that many people are probably used to seeing certain topics covered in counseling courses, like transfer essentials, choosing a major, career success, etc., and people may not be used to seeing this cross-section of sociology, ethnic studies and psychology in a counseling course. Instead of focusing on the overlap into different areas, he invited the committee to focus instead on how the counseling program is using these areas to support individual students through counseling appointments and counseling programs.

Jim reiterated that he is not concerned with the overlap but was encouraging the authors to organize the course around counseling as a discipline. From the perspective of the psychology discipline, there are already entire classes on all of these topics.

Lia offered that she found the course to be well organized and addressed how counseling is a lot of different things, but the authors have addressed each major heading through the lens of counseling and identity, while integrating aspects of psychology and sociology.

David reiterated that the committee is not determining whether the course is approved for Area 4. He also added that the authors have created a counseling framework with each major heading under which these topics are covered.

Marsha confirmed with the committee that this is for Fall 2026.

- **Course Modifications**

NURS 211 Introduction to Nursing (4.5)

		(2-year update; change in corequisite, SLOs, objectives, content, texts)
NURS	212	Concepts of Homeostasis in Nursing (4.5) (2-year update; change in corequisite, SLOs, objectives, content, instruction, assignments, texts)
NURS	221	Pediatric Nursing (4.5) (2-year update; change in corequisite, SLOs, objectives, content, assignments)
NURS	222	Perinatal and Reproductive Health Nursing (4.5) (2-year update; change in corequisite, SLOs, objectives, content, instruction, assignments, evaluation, texts)
NURS	225	Nursing Skills Lab II (0.5) (2-year update; change in prerequisite, corequisite, description, SLOs, objectives, content, instruction, assignments, texts)
NURS	231	Mental Health Nursing (5.0) (2-year update; change in prerequisite, corequisite, description, SLOs, objectives, content, assignments, texts)
NURS	232	Medical/Surgical Nursing (5.0) (2-year update; change in corequisite, SLOs, objectives, content, instruction, assignments, evaluation, texts)
NURS	241	Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing (5.0) (2-year update; change in corequisite, SLOs, objectives, content, instruction, assignments, evaluation, texts)
NURS	242	Leadership/Management In Nursing (5.0) (2-year update; change in prerequisite, corequisite, description, SLOs, objectives, content, instruction, assignments, evaluation, texts)
NURS	245	Nursing Skills Lab IV (0.5) (2-year update; change in units, SLOs, objectives, content, evaluation, texts)
NURS	815	Transition from 1st Year to 2nd Year: Medical Surgical Nursing (0.5-1.5) (2-year update; change in prerequisite, description, SLOs, objectives, assignments, evaluation, texts)
NURS	816	Open Lab for Nursing 211/212 (0.5) (2-year update; change in prerequisite, corequisite, SLOs, objectives, content, instruction, assignments, evaluation, texts)
NURS	817	Open Lab for Nursing 221/222 (0.5) (2-year update; change in prerequisite, corequisite, SLOs, objectives, content, instruction, assignments, texts)
NURS	818	Open Lab for Nursing 231/232 (0.5) (2-year update; change in corequisite, SLOs, objectives, assignments, evaluation, texts)

Approved. Motion by Marsha to approve all NURS substantive course changes with one vote, seconded by Beth, all members voting "Aye."

Approved. Motion by Beth to approve all NURS substantive course changes, seconded by Shana, all members voting "Aye."

Melinda Nguyen was present to represent for all NURS substantive course changes. She thanked the committee and summarized the changes for the courses. She confirmed that these are all 2-year updates. Deb confirmed that these courses are on the substantive agenda because of

clarifications in the prerequisites or corequisites. Malathi clarified one specific course change was made and Melinda confirmed it was completed. The committee discussed whether they could and would like to vote to approve the block of Nursing courses.

OPEN AGENDA

- **None**

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.